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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SECOND DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Letter dated 14 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights

On behalf of the Australian delegation, I wish to reiterate the Australian Government's condemnation of all incitements to racial or religious hatred.

For this reason the Australian delegation deplores and rejects the statement by a Syrian delegate on Friday, 8 February 1991 in which she commended to the Commission a book which promotes outrageous and mendacious allegations against Jewish people and their religion. In the view of the Australian delegation such statements are unacceptable in the Commission on Human Rights or anywhere else.

I would be grateful if you could arrange to have this letter circulated as an official document of the Commission under item 16 of its agenda.

(signed): R.A. WALKER
Leader, Australian Delegation